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OF CONFIDENCE VOTE

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1. PRIMIN ECEVIT ANNOUNCED JUNE 23 THAT THE PROGRAM OF
HIS NEW REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (RPP) GOVERNMENT WILL BE
PRESENTED TO THE TURKISH NATIONAL ASSEMBLY (NA) ON JUNE 28.
THE NA'S CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL, WHICH PREVIOUSLY HAD BEEN UNABLE
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TO MEET DUE TO THE NONATTENDANCE OF THE REPRESENTATIVE OF THE
NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY (NSP), MET JUNE 23 AND APPROVED
THE NECESSARY SPECIAL RULES FOR THE SESSION. ACCORDING TO
THE TURKISH CONSTITUTION, DEBATE ON THE GOVERNMENT'S PROGRAM
IS TO BEGIN "TWO FULL DAYS" AFTER ITS PRESENTATION AND THE
VOTE OF CONFIDENCE IS TO TAKE PLACE "ONE FULL DAY" AFTER
THE END OF THE DEBATE. SINCE EACH OF THE FOUR PARTY GROUP

REPRESENTATIVES WILL BE ALLOWED UNLIMITED SPEAKING TIME IN THE DEBATE (TWO DEPUTIES FROM OUTSIDE THE PARLIAMENTARY GROUPS WILL BE ALLOTTED TWENTY MINUTES EACH), THE CONFIDENCE VOTE IS NOT LIKELY TO OCCUR BEFORE JULY 2 AND MIGHT NOT TAKE PLACE UNTIL JULY 4 OR EVEN LATER.

2. NOTING THAT THE CONSTITUTION MANDATES DELAYS BEFORE THE CONFIDENCE VOTE, PRİMİN ECEVİT TOLD NEWSPAPERMEN JUNE 23 THAT SUCH DELAYS WERE CLEARLY TO ALLOW INDIVIDUAL DEPUTIES TO MAKE UP THEIR MINDS ON A NEW GOVERNMENT AND THAT IT WAS THEREFORE "DISRESPECT OF THE PERSONALITIES OF THE DEPUTIES" TO CLAIM IN ADVANCE THAT HIS GOVERNMENT COULD NOT WIN A VOTE OF CONFIDENCE. ECEVİT SAID THAT IN REMOVING TURKISH RADIO AND TELEVISION (TRT) DIRECTOR KARATAS FROM OFFICE, HIS GOVERNMENT HAD MERELY BEEN IMPLEMENTING PRIOR DECISIONS OF THE COUNCIL OF STATE AND THE CONSTITUTIONAL COURT DECLARING KARATAS'S OCCUPATION OF THE OFFICE TO BE ILLEGAL. ECEVİT ASSERTED THAT, RATHER THAN ACTING PARTISANLY, THE GOVERNMENT HAS "TAKEN STEPS TO RECTIFY PARTISAN AND ILLEGAL ACTIONS."

3. THE EXECUTIVE BOARD OF THE OPPOSITION JUSTICE PARTY (JP) ISSUED A DECLARATION, PUBLISHED IN THE JUNE 24 PRESS, CONTINUING TO ATTACK THE LEGITIMACY OF ECEVİT'S CABINET AND OF PRESIDENT KORUTURK'S ACCEPTANCE OF IT. THE STATEMENT SAID, IN PART: "WHAT WAS NOT GIVEN BY THE NATION HAS BEEN GIVEN TO THE PEOPLE" UNCLASSIFIED

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PARTY BY ILLEGAL MEANS, RESULTING IN THE TYRANNY OF THE MINORITY. OUR 27 YEAR OLD DEMOCRACY IS SUFFERING ITS THIRD BREAKDOWN THIS TIME. (COMMENT: THE OTHER TWO BREAKDOWNS WERE PRESUMABLY THE 1960 AND 1971 MILITARY COUPS.) IT IS EXPERIENCING AN ARRANGED ACCIDENT. PARLIAMENT WILL RESIST THIS DE FACTO SITUATION AND WILL RECONNECT THE BREAK AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE ADMINISTRATION WILL BE RESCUED FROM OCCUPATION." DILLON

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